

Washington, DC – Congressman Todd Akin (R-MO) has been named Chairman of the Seapower & Expeditionary Forces Subcommittee, a powerful subcommittee of the House Armed Services Committee. The subcommittee has broad jurisdiction over Navy and Marine Corps programs.

“Congressman Akin has been a strong leader on the House Armed Services Committee, serving for the last two years as the ranking Republican on the Seapower & Expeditionary Forces Subcommittee and leading the committee effort to address the Navy’s looming strike fighter shortfall. As Chairman of the Seapower & Expeditionary Forces Subcommittee, Todd will be a strong advocate for the Navy and Marine Corps, ensuring that our sailors and Marines have what they need to fight and win today’s wars while preparing for future conflict. With his own sons serving in the Marine Corps, and his background as an engineer, Congressman Akin has a unique perspective that greatly benefits this committee,” said Congressman Buck McKeon (R-Calif.), incoming Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee.

Congressman Akin released the following statement: “It is a great honor and a profound responsibility to take the helm of the Seapower Subcommittee. Our Marines and sailors are in combat right now, putting their lives on the line for our safety and security. The Seapower Subcommittee must ensure that we are doing all we can today to support our sailors and Marines. At the same time, we must be preparing our Navy and Marine Corps for future threats and ensuring that we maintain peace through strength. Our nation is fundamentally a maritime nation, and maintaining a strong Navy and Marine Corps is vital to the security of our country.”

Congressman Akin has served as the Ranking Member of the Seapower & Expeditionary Forces Subcommittee during the 111th Congress. During the 110th Congress, Akin served as the Ranking Member of the Oversight & Investigations Subcommittee of the House Armed Services Committee.